



Scandinavia—An Eulogy

By Robert I. Jaffee

For sometime now, I have been looking for an excuse to write about the Scandinavian countries, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark. However, in the recent issues of the local metropolitan dailies, I could find no mention of them. In these days of stress when newspaper scare-heads scream forth the saga of a world going to pot, there seems to be little space left for countries whose governments are efficient but not spectacular, who bear no grudges against any other countries, who carry no torch for any "ism"—in short countries who have a successful government and who mind their own business are distinctly "not news."

News Emphasis Misplaced

This in itself is bad. Newspapers should educate the people to the workings of good governments instead of feeding them a continuous diet of fascism, nazi-ism, communism, and that ilk. The people may come to think that totalitarian states are the ultimate destiny of all countries. The "success story" of the Scandinavians should be shouted to the skies so that other countries might stop their course to self-destruction and take heed.

It is an old, old bit of advice which advises us to "be moderate." Sweden is a good example of how a government might successfully adopt this adage. In the book written by Marquis W. Childs, *Sweden, the Middle Way*, Swedish government has been described as a compromise between collectivism and individualism, embodying the best parts of the two. This is probably so, but if a democratic government is described as one "of the people, by the people, and for the people," Sweden is the foremost exponent of democracy in the world.

Government of the People

More so than in any other country, the Swedish people are self-ruling. Here in America, we are theoretically self-ruling — electing representatives from the people at large as legislators. However, in practice, the virtues of our system have been muzzled by group political cliques who legislate for private interests, caring nothing for the people's welfare. The great interest which the Swedes take in their government and the high calibre of their governmental officials probably have a large part in making their government so excellent.

How to Harness Capitalism

At any rate, the Scandinavian countries, notably Sweden, are existing proof of the manner in which a democracy may successfully function in a capitalistic system. This doesn't mean that Sweden is a Utopia. When the capitalistic system bogs down in one of its periodic depressions, Sweden suffers as do the other countries, for Sweden does depend upon the proper functioning of the capitalistic system for its well-being. However, the Swedes in their typically practical way, have set up several safeguards against some of the evils of capitalism. That old "boogy-man," monopoly, against which we have been writing anti-trust laws for some fifty years, has been effectively dealt with by consumer cooperation and by governmental competition. About thirty percent of all retail trade in Sweden is carried on by cooperatives. This organization of consumers is a very mighty weapon being wielded in the interest of the people. Against it, monopoly interests have been forced to deal with the people on reasonable terms or suffer from consumer cooperative competition. The Swedish government, itself, puts an effective damper on monopolistic ambitions by entering into the open market itself. The result of these two forces has been better living for the Swedes at a smaller cost.

Sometimes the opinion is forwarded that Sweden's success is due to a homogeneity of population. On the other hand, if people are inherently the same throughout the world the Swedish system of cooperation could become universal in every civilized country.

Junior Week—

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sing will be assigned sections in the balcony. Each fraternity in turn will sing several selections of its own choosing. The Interfraternity Sing Cup will be awarded to the fraternity which in the opinion of the faculty judges, made the best presentation. The Spring Concert and the Interfraternity Sing has been a popular feature in the past with the parents of the students and their many friends.

Then on Friday comes the classic class rush but before that on Friday morning there will be several sports events beginning at 9:00 and the Interfraternity Pageant at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

The pageant will very probably be a very colorful affair as it has been in the years past. The fraternities compete in presenting a play, comedy, caricature or whatever they think will appeal most to the judges. The pageant will be held in Ogden Field where each Fraternity places its set in one part of the field and displays the emblem and letters of its fraternity. The judges will go from one set to another to see and judge each presentation after which a winner will be declared. The pageant is one of the most colorful events of Junior Week and is usually heavily attended.

Immediately after the pageant, presentation of awards and prizes to their respective winners for the week's program will take place. Many valuable trophies will be given away.

Then sharply at 3:00 p.m. at the firing of a gun, opposing teams of sophomores and freshmen at each end of Ogden Field will converge to the center where bags will have been neatly arranged down the center line. Each team will attempt to annihilate the other in its effort to carry the bags back to their own side where they will have to be kept in protective custody in a square designated by the Junior Marshals. Each bag in the square after the rush will count so many points. The highest score determines the winner.

Many of the rushes of the past have been won by strategy alone.

OTHER CAMPUSES

By J. Hebson

University of Georgia journalism reporting students in the winter quarter wrote 113,375 words that appeared in print in the school's newspaper.

"Swing" music is still first in popularity among American college students, according to a poll of 56 major institutions throughout the country, taken by a leading magazine on modern music. Benny Goodman, polling 97 points, is first choice for dance music with Tommy Dorsey and Hal Kemp taking second and third honors.

San Diego's State College has extension courses in navigation and nautical astronomy. Sailors, ahoy!

College handball players in Oregon have organized an Oregon State Inter-collegiate Handball league, one of the first of its kind in the U. S.

The nation's largest college wind tunnel is now being completed in University of Minnesota laboratories. It'll make a 150-mile "breeze."

Editorial headline from a college paper: Are We All Turtles?"

Students advertising a University of Michigan play production picked the local cinemansion to advertise their own play.

Los Angeles Junior College has just completed arrangements for the shipment of 100 pounds of human organs for its life science museum.

Radio Comedienne Gracie Allen is offering a bearskin prize as an Award of Ingenuity to the man graduating from college with the lowest marks.

Bard College is conducting a fund drive to prevent their institution from being closed at the end of the current school year.

Augustana College faculty members sponsored a Recuperation Party for students who had just finished examinations.

Howard College students believe that course outlines are a definite aid in improving grades, a recent poll revealed.

Plastics—

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around switchboards, panel-boards, radio stations, mines, etc., has strength, durability and absolute insurance against short-circuiting; plastic jars in a cosmetic kit not only compliment the color and charm of the ensemble, but give lightness in weight, shock-resistance, and complete protection of contents.

Other exhibits include a thermostat, dental light, hearing aid storage battery charger, record reproducer, teleprinter, instrument panel radio grille, stapler, center piece and flower vase holders, writing set, woman's hat, cigaret case and vanity, costume jewelry, woman's purse, coffee urn, table chef, serving dishes, kitchen scale, tea kettle and rolling pin.

Also included in the exhibit are samples of the plastic materials in forms of rods, sheets, tubes; molding compounds in various forms, such as fine, granular, lump resin and preforms; and samples of other materials used in the manufacture of the various kinds of plastic materials. The exhibit is rounded out with color samples of the various plastics, and with photographic stories of molding processes.

That the plastics industry bids fair to become one of the major industries of America is indicated by the fact that the president's National Resource Committee recently named plastics as the third most important factor affecting the future progress of civilization. Indicative of the avid interest in the industry is the fact that this exhibit is scheduled to be shown in over thirty states, under the sponsorship of schools of technology, business libraries, chambers of commerce, and rotary clubs.

Defeat Elmhurst—

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of the fence.

ONE MILE RUN—Won by Platz (A); Vernon (E) second; Faust (A) third. Time—4:56.

440 YARD RUN—Won by Matthews (A); Cerovski (A) second; Covington (A) third. Time—53.5.

100 YARD DASH—Won by Bingham (A); Dunbar (A) second; Royer (E) third. Time—10.4.

120 HIGH HURDLES—Won by Rothenberg (A); Prasse (E) second; Fisher (E) third. Time—17.4.

880 YARD RUN—Won by Ryan and Deuter (A) tie; Schoettle (E) third. Time—2:07.6.

220 YARD DASH—Won by Dunbar (A); Cerovski (A) second; Royer (E) third. Time—23.8.

TWO MILE RUN—Won by Finnegan (A); Vernon (E) second; Schierhorn (E) third. Time—10:57.4.

220 LOW HURDLES—Won by Dunbar (A); Rothenberg (A) second; Prasse (E) third. Time—27.2.

SHOT PUT—Won by Vandekieft (A); Burman (A) second; Knierim (E) third. Distance—41 feet 3 inches.

POLE VAULT—Won by Dixon (A); Elwood (A) second; Parker (A) third. Height—10 feet 6 inches.

DISCUS THROW—Won by Vandekieft (A); Sterman (A) second; Jepson (E) third. Distance—115 feet 6 inches.

JAVELIN—Won by Stehman (A); Clark (A) second; Jepson (E) third. Distance—136 feet 5 inches.

HIGH JUMP—Won by Vandekieft (A); Young (E) second; Eidenreich and Rothenberg (A) tied for third. Height—5 feet 7 inches.

BROAD JUMP—Won by Clark (A); Bingham (A) second; Loew (E) third. Distance—19 feet 5 inches.

RELAY—Won by Armour (Deuter, Clark, Platz, Ryan). Time—3:50.2.

Ogden Field Sees Win over Wright

Armour's trackmen scored their third outdoor victory of the season when the Wright track team set-up fell victim of a 90½-35½ defeat. The teams met last Thursday on Ogden Field where individual scoring honors went to Dick Vandekieft who took his first in the high jump, shot put, and discus throw events.

Competition was a factor that was lacking inasmuch as the Wright team succeeded in winning only three first places out of the fourteen events. The Wright squad's strength was concentrated in Throgmorton who won the 220 and 440 yard runs and placed second in the broad jump. Throgmorton, a former Schurz prep star, won the city indoor and outdoor titles in those events in 1937 and also finished second in the 440 yard run in the 1937 state meet.

SPORTS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Baseball
North Central here today.
At North Central Saturday.

Tennis
At Wheaton today.
St. Viator's here Thursday.
Indiana State Teachers here Saturday.

Track
Beloit Relays Friday.
Wheaton and Elmhurst at Elmhurst Saturday.

Golf
Wheaton here Saturday.

Clash with Wheaton Team and Coach 6-2

In a heated battle waged on the Wheaton diamond, the "Ministers" lost to Armour Tech's nine a week ago Saturday 6-2, midst arguments and words from both dugouts. Even the coach joined in with his resentment of the Armour invasion.

Not only did the game fall Tech's way, but the dispute was climaxed when Wheaton's assistant coach was forced to leave the field at the request of Irv Seidenberg.

Tech had eleven hits and scored on these with the help of about six Wheaton errors. Will Kruse had one bad inning when he loaded the bases and then walked in the only two runs of the Wheaton score.

GOLF SQUAD LOSES

A week ago last Saturday the golf team met Loyola out at Bob-o-links, and came away with the usual North side loss 14½-3½. Notwithstanding several low scores were shot by the Armour men.

Just last Saturday they engaged in a contest with the alumni out at the Southmoor Country Club. The team was well represented by Davidson, Sunde, Schmal, Malmfeldt, Fox, and Mackey. Next Saturday Wheaton will be the guest of Armour, and again at Southmoor.

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